22nd December, 1917

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D. (on leave).
Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., Hotel Spencer.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton, Esq., W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144 Mount Road.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Woman's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Gillan, Hotel Spencer (Acting).
Woman's Guild Treasurer—Vacant.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Innes, The Hermitage, Mylapore.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Chetput.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF ... No. ... 15 JAN 1918 ... MADRAS.

Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays, at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE on Thursdays, at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMEN'S GUILD—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 4-30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, at 5 P.M. from January to April, and August to December.

MOTHERS' MEETING in Schoolroom, at 5 P.M., on Mondays.

Church Notes

Christmas and New Year Events:—

1917.		1918.	
Dec. 24th,	Carol Service, 6 P.M.	Jan. 2nd,	Dinner to the Poor, 4-30 P.M.
,, 25th,	Christmas Day Service, 11 A.M.	,, 4th,	Children's Treat, 4 P.M.
,, 31st,	Watch Night Service, 11-15 P.M.	,, 6th,	Intercessory Service, 6 P.M.

Communion.—The Communion Sunday morning of 11th November was so wet and stormy that at one time it seemed doubtful if there would be any congregation. There was, however: not a very large one, it is true, but many more than the "two or three"; and as generally happens on such occasions the service seemed specially helpful. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed as usual at the close of the Evening Service on 6th January, being the first Sunday of the year.

Communion Roll.—According to the law of our Church a Communion Roll has to be kept in every parish. Strangely enough, Madras has never conformed to this injunction. At their meeting on the 29th November the Kirk Session resolved that it should do so, and a Communion Roll is now in course of preparation. It will aid greatly in the preparation of it if Communicants will kindly fill in their names on the cards which will be provided at the next and subsequent Communions.

The Rev. Dr. Ogilvie.—It is doubtful if the Church of Scotland has ever had in India a Chaplain of such gifts as Dr. Ogilvie, and the news that he has been chosen Moderator-Designate of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1918 will cause no surprise amongst those who knew him. The news arrived just before the Kirk Session Meeting on 29th November, and the following extract from the Minute of that date, signed by the Moderator and the Elders present, has been sent Home to Dr. Ogilvie:—

St. Andrew's Church, Madras,
29th November, 1917.

Which day the Kirk Session met and was constituted.

Inter Alia.

Having heard that The Rev. J. N. Ogilvie, M.A., D.D., a former Chaplain of this Church has been chosen Moderator-Designate of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 1918, the Session resolve to place on record their gratification at this recognition. While conscious that the honour to Dr. Ogilvie is a great one, they are confident that he will adorn the high office of Moderator, and in forwarding a copy of this Minute wish to assure him that his appointment will nowhere be more appreciated than among the many in Madras who remember with the liveliest gratitude and esteem his ministry among them.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, Madras, this Thirtieth day of November, Ninteen Hundred and Seventeen.

Obituary.—It is not often that we have to record three burials in a week, but it has been so this month. Her many friends knew that *Mrs. Percy Grant* had had serious illness for a long time. She had recovered so many times with surprising vitality from previous attacks that it was hoped she would rally once more from an attack in early December, but it was not to be and she passed away on the 7th. *Mr. Kenneth Henderson* was a member of the Caledonian Society, and his quiet kindness and unobtrusive helpfulness made him a friend of many and a special favourite with children. His condition when first taken to hospital was regarded as very serious, but afterwards his progress was favourable, and it was a shock when a change for the worse was observed on 8th December. He became rapidly worse on the afternoon of the 9th and died early in the evening. *M. Stradiot* was familiar to many of the older residents in Madras as Conductor of The Governor's Band in past years. His health had been failing for some time, and he died on the morning of 14th December. Our sympathy goes out to the relatives and friends in India and elsewhere, who have been specially bereaved by these losses.

Wedding.—There was a pretty wedding on 8th December. Both the bride, Miss Rowley, and the bridegroom, Mr. Buckle, are well known to all of us, though Mr. Buckle's duties on the railway frequently take him out of Madras. There were no hymns, but Mr. Jones played the appropriate music both for the entrance of the bride and the departure of the married pair after signing the Register. There was a reception at the bride's home in Whannell's Road afterwards, and a large number of friends had the pleasure of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Buckle all health, prosperity, and happiness.

Sunday School.—The school closed for the holidays on 16th December. Due intimation of its re-opening will be given.

Dorcas Society.—The half-yearly distribution of clothing took place on Thursday, 6th December. Miss Forbes, Church of Scotland Mission, kindly distributed the clothing to 31 women, 6 men, 20 girls and 29 boys. The women were also given shawls and the men blankets. Hearty cheers were given for Miss Forbes for her kindness, and for Mrs. Atkinson for her unfailing and painstaking interest in the recipients.

FREE SCHOOL

The Report for the year is as follows :—

Staff.—The Headmistress, Mrs. Bennett, retired in June and has been succeeded by Mrs. Pritchard. Misses Burgess and Staggs continue as 1st and 2nd Assistants.

Attendance.—The attendance on the part of the teaching staff has been very good during the year but in the case of some of the children not as it should be. The parents and guardians are therefore in duty bound to see that their children do not absent themselves from school for any other cause except illness during the coming year.

Inspections.—The Inspector visited the School in March and reported very favourably on the work of the school.

Miss Kenny, Lecturer in Needlework to European Schools also visited twice during the year and recorded good remarks in the visiting book.

Visitors.—Mrs. Taylor Mitchell who has been our Secretary from October 1905 has been paying her weekly visits up to the Michaelmas vacation of this year. Our hearty thanks are accorded to her for doing so, and great sympathy is felt at her recent loss. Mrs. Taylor Mitchell has now resigned her honorary position as "Visting Secretary."

Another lady is very urgently required in her place to sustain the interest in the school.*

The school is closing with 49 pupils on the rolls and we expect the same number or perhaps more when we reopen for the New Year.

The Session closed on 14th December with the Annual Demonstration and Prize-giving. Mrs. C.A. Innes kindly distributed the prizes, and the following Programme was successfully carried through in a way that reflects the highest credit on the Teaching Staff :—

Carol—Good Christian Men Rejoice—Stds. I-IV

PRAYER

1. Prologue............................Olive Regel
2. Pinafore Drill............Senior and Junior Girls
3. Echo Song...................Senior Boys and Girls
4. Drill..Junior Boys
5. Dialogue......................{Joseph Madden and Daniel Henricus
6. Song............{The Kilties have come} Senior Boys and Girls
7. Ribbon Drill..............Senior and Junior Girls

Reading of Report for the year ending 1917

Distribution of Prizes

Votes of Thanks

God Save the King

BLESSING

The Prize List was :—

Special Prizes.—The Catherine Dunhill Memorial prize for the best all round girl—Phoebe Beck, Standard IV.

Mrs. Atkinson's prize for regular attendance—Daniel Henricus, Standard IV.

Mrs. Atkinson's prize for Needle-work to Dorothy Clarkson, Standard III.

Miss Jessie Dunhill's prize for the best and cleanest boy—George Seager, Standard I.

Dr. Henderson's Drill Prizes :—

Stands. IV & III	...	Dorothy Clarkson
,, II & I	...	Ivy Clarkson
Infants	...	Eardly Clarkson

Mrs. Walker's Prize for the best child in the Kindergarten Class—Olive Regel.

Anonymous Prizes :—

(1) Free-hand Drawing—Bernice Clarkson, Standard II.
(2) Map Drawing—Daniel Henricus, Standard IV.
(3) Needle-work of Boys—George Seager, Standard I.
(4) Regular Attendance—E. Philbert, Standard I.
(5) Recitation—Joseph Madden, Standard IV.

CLASS PRIZE LIST

STANDARD IV

First Prize	...	Daniel Henricus
Second ,,	...	Edward Crownshaw

STANDARD III

First Prize	...	Dorthy Clarkson
Second ,,	...	Ruben Crownshaw

* NOTE.—We are glad to say that Mrs. C. A. Innes has kindly undertaken to fill this position.

STANDARD II

First Prize ... Bernice Clarkson
Second ,, ... Horace Philbert

STANDARD I

First Prize ... Oswald Crizzle
Second ,, ... Edward Philbert

INFANTS A

First Prize ... Edwin Arnett
Second ,, ... Blanche Taylor
Third ,, ... Eardly Clarkson

INFANTS B

First Prize ... Dorothy Regel
Second ,, ... William Girton and Percy Andrews
Third ,, ... Doris Spink.

Coming Events.—Attention may be drawn to the list of Christmas and New Year Events published in this issue. It need hardly be said that all interested are most heartily welcome at the Dinner to the Poor and the Children's Treat as well as to the different services in Church ; indeed their presence will be greatly appreciated. Greenery and flowers for Christmas decorations will be gladly received ; flowers should be sent direct to the Church on Christmas morning. It will be noticed that we are joining in the Empire Intercession Services on 6th January. This accentuates the solemn note that the New Year itself strikes. On such occasions one feels that Christmas, with its message of a hope based on experience, is specially helpful as a preventive of the pessimism and despair that are the natural and—in the absence of some such hope —the logical results of the present world-outlook. One of the children's Christmas hymns has an appropriate thought :—

This little Child of lowly birth
Shall be the Joy of all your earth
* * * *
* * * * *
He brings those blessings, long ago
Prepared by God for all below.

In which assurance, in spite of everything, we can still rejoice and wish each other A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Scottish National Service.—The following account appeared in the *Madras Mail* of Monday, December 3, 1917 :—

The Scottish National Service was held in St. Andrew's Church yesterday evening. There was a large congregation, including Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Pentland and Brigadier-General and Mrs. Black. As indicated in our issue of Friday, the Praise List had many associations with the traditions of Scottish worship, and the heartness of the congregational singing was very noticeable. The order of Service was as follows:—Paraphrase 2 (Tune St. Paul), Scripture Sentence, Prayer, Old Testament Lesson (Isaiah 43), Psalm 188, Second Version (Tune Darwalls 148th), New Testament Lesson (Philippians 3, v. 1-16), Hymn (Much in sorrow oft in woe), Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving Hymn (Lord, while for all mankind we pray), Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Offertory and Hymn (For all the Saints). National Anthem, Benediction.

The preacher, the Rev. E. M. Macphail of the Madras Christian College, chose as his text the two apparently contradictory precepts :—" Remember the former things of old " (Isaiah 46, v. 9) ; and " Remember ye not the former things ', (Isaiah 43, v. 18). After indicating the use of paradox in teaching, the preacher pointed out the appropriateness of both texts for a national service. It was good for a nation to remember the former things, first to quicken our gratitude to God for the course of our national history, and second to enable us " to understand the present and in some measure to forecast the future." It was good also to forget the former things, in order to be delivered from the two dangerous snares of allowing a comparison of the past with the present to take the place of an impartial review of the present with its new needs and its new demands and " of substituting our past for our present and of living on our past experiences." In conclusion, the preacher said, " let us remember that the nation is made up of individuals and that upon each one of us rests part of the responsibility for what our nation is and is to be. We are proud of our nationality and of our country, but has our country reason to be proud of us ? Are we helping individually to preserve the worthy things of the past and are we taking our proper share in the pressing duties of the present ? As we recall our own past we shall find in it many things which we could wish had been different, but we shall find also much to make us grateful to God. Shall we not above all be grateful to Him for the supreme gift of His love, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and for the hope of forgiveness and of new strength which He has brought to man. And if when recalling the former things we feel discouraged by the memory of things we would fein forget, let us recall also his gracious words :—" I, even I, am He that plotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own name's sake and will not remember thy sins." The sermon was listened to with the greatest attention and interest throughout. The Offertory taken was in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospitals.

To the above we need only add that the collection, including sums afterwards contributed amounted to Rs. 600. This is Rs. 157, less than last year, but is still a large collection, considering the many demands upon the liberality of the community.

Sale of Work and Garden Fete in aid of Hospital Ship "Madras"

The Sale of Work is now a thing of the past! If we sometimes felt while preparations were going on that it was an abiding worry, we also felt that it was an abiding interest, and the results in money have far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. The Sale took place on the 1st of December. There were many anxious thoughts about the weather, but the day dawned beautiful and fine, and the afternoon was glorious. Mr. Houghton of the Horticultural Gardens had kindly sent large numbers of men to help to tidy up the compound, and with Mr. Boys' help the garden looked festive and gay, with plants and flowers. Conspicuous in the compound was the Tea Tent which had been used by Lord Roberts during his sojourn in Madras. The tent was in the charge of Mrs. Atkinson, and her assistants Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Mothersill, Mrs. Burnett, Miss Philips, the Misses Frost, and Misses Atkinson, who were dressed as Japanese ladies and looked very attractive in their kimona costumes and chrysanthemum decked hair. The children's Horticultural Stall was also outside and was in charge of Mrs. Conran with the little folks as sellers. A Shooting Gallery, erected under the supervision of Mr. Ashworth and taken charge of by him during the afternoon attracted much attention as did also the Cocoanut Shy arranged by Mr. Theobald.

Inside the Schoolroom there was much attraction. The Stalls in spite of their being so many were arranged in the most delightful way, and as the decoration of each Stall was left to the ingenuity of the lady in charge, the general effect was very pleasing. Gaily coloured flags were in abundance and some of Mr. Boys' own most beautiful plants were lent for the occasion. A large brass bowl of Ooty heather and one of Scottish Thistles occupied places on the centre table. These had been sent by Her Excellency from Ootacamund and this gift and the thoughtfulness which prompted it were much appreciated.

Before four o'clock the Committee, Stallholders, Elders, and a large number of visitors assembled in the Schoolroom awaiting Her Excellency who arrived punctually at 4 p.m. accompanied by Mrs. Money. The Vice-President and the Chaplain of the Church received Her Excellency who handed a letter to Mrs. Gillan from His Excellency the Governor regretting his inability to be present, saying he had given Her Excellency a sum of money to be spent from him, and hoping the Sale would be "a triumphant success" After a bouquet of roses had been prsented by Miss Maggie Boys, dressed as a little Hospital Nurse, the opening ceremony was proceeded with. This included the singing of a verse of the 100th Psalm, prayer and some introductory remarks by the Chaplain who asked Her Excellency to accept the thanks of the Guild for kindly coming to open the Sale. Her Excellency graciously replied and the Sale was declared open. Lady Pentland then went round the Stalls escorted by Mrs. Gillan and made many generous purchases, after which with a small party she took tea in the Tea Tent. The Official guests at Her Excellency's table consisted of Mrs. Atkinson representing the wives of the Elders, Mr Beardsell representing the Elders. Mrs. Money, the Vice-President of the Guild, and the Chaplain of the Church. Her Excellency stayed about an hour and a half at the Sale, which had been greatly helped by her presence and her many purchases.

The list of stallholders has been given several times, but we may as well give it again so as to make this account as complete as possible.

Stall No. 1 was Tea and Coffee in bulk, flour, sugar, etc. A large number of planters in S. India had kindly contributed the tea and coffee, and some of the firms in Madras the other things. The Stall looked very imposing and as the goods were all of the best quality many sales were made. Mrs. Innes, our new Elder's wife, was in charge of this Stall, and was assisted by Mrs. Black, Mrs. Prosser and Mrs. Puddephatt.

Stall No. 2 was Plain and Fancy. Special features of this Stall were garments made up and embroidered from most kind gifts of calico presented by Mr. Beardsell. The girls of the Doveton High School have been sewing since August for this Stall under the direction of Miss Sampson and Miss Fewkes, and a large quantity of beautifully sewn children's clothing was the result of their labours. There was also other beautiful work at this Stall. Mrs. G. K. Walker was in charge, and was assisted by Mrs. Simonsen and Mrs. Rowley.

Stall No. 3 was the "One Rupee Stall," and was most fascinating in its variety. The articles were excellent and in some cases generous value. This stall was kept very busy and was in charge of Mrs. Adam assisted by Mrs. Rowbotham, Mrs. Chignell and Mrs. Poyser,

Stall No. 4. Sweets. These were chiefly made from gifts of sugar given by Mr. Turnbull. Mrs. C. O'Brien, Mrs. Wilton and the little Misses O'Brien where the sellers at this Stall where there was a large quantity of beautifully made sweets in dainty boxes. The boxes had been made and decorated by the ladies in charge of the Stall, and many of them were most original, and all attractive. Her Excellency kindly sent a contribution of sweets made at Government House for this Stall.

Stall No. 5. Jams and Pickles were in charge of Miss Graham, assisted by Miss Hall and Mrs. Chandler. But since September jams have been made and sold and repeated orders sent in for more. The jams and jellies have been highly spoken of and greatly enjoyed by the purchasers. A large quantity of the sugar was given by Mr. Keith, Ranipet; Mr. Turnbull; and Messrs. Parry & Co. Various other friends also gave baskets of fruit. An interesting gift to this Stall was sent by the Hon'ble John and the Hon'ble Peggy Sinclair, who are so well known to us all. The children bought the fruit with their own money, and the jelly was made by themselves at the Shieling, Ootacamund, under the supervision of Her Excellency and brought down to Madras and personally handed over by her. It was thought that the best way to dispose of this jelly was to raffle it. It was raffled and won, presented to the Stall again, re-raffled and re-won; so the kind gift of the children was the means of many rupees being added to the Stall.

Stall No. 6. Books, curios and knick-nacks were in charge of Miss Forbes assisted by Miss Falconer and Miss Chatterton. There were many pretty and interesting things at this Stall, and some of the books bought by Her Excellency are to be sent to our soldiers on Service.

Stall No. 7. Four and Eight-Anna Stall. This was in charge of Miss Rowley and Miss B. Falconer. These young ladies had made a charming collection of little things, many of the articles prepared by their own hands, and there were very few things left over from this Stall. One remembers with interest that the Sale was probably the last public appearance of Miss Rowley before her marriage, and we specially appreciate her kind labour and help at a time when she must have been exceptionally busy.

Stall No. 7. Miscellaneous. This Stall was a collection of goods otherwise unclassified. It had fancy goods, rugs, stationery, Kashmiri goods, toys and dolls. The dolls were exquisitely dressed by various friends, and as they were kindly priced by the firm of Messrs. Wrenn Bennett they fetched large sums of money for the Stall. Mrs. Gillan was in charge, assisted by Mrs. Organe, Mrs. Badcock and Miss Dubell. One of the interesting items of this Stall was a doll's bed of blackwood, fitted and beautifully embroidered by friends in the High Range. This bed was raffled and got a high price.

Stall No. 9. Children's Parcel Post. This was most delightfully arranged and in appearance was like a real Post Office. The children paid their money and drew with a stick through a hole in the Post Office netting any parcel that attracted them. There were parcels of different prices, extracted through different holes, and we are told the little people had much satisfaction in their purchases. Mrs. Logan kindly arranged this Stall and as she was single-handed she had all the burden and the responsibility. The Stall however was much admired.

Stall No. 10. This was in charge of Mrs. Boys and members of the Choir. It had a very varied collection of articles, among them being some very beautiful photos of the Church taken by Mr. Boys. Mrs. Boys with her own fingers prepared a large number of articles for this Stall. Mr. Boys' special Calendar was on sale and many interesting souvenirs. There was a special Choir Stall Raffle with a bicycle, a gold brooch, and other coveted prizes.

Stall No. 11. Tobacco and Cigars. Mrs. Higginbotham, Mrs. Fyfe, Mrs. Robertson. Miss Iles and Miss B. Higginbotham ran this Stall. It was charmingly decorated and the goods to be sold were sent out in beautifully ornamented trays. The men folks who resisted these alluring articles, must have been hard hearted indeed! A very large cigar in the shape of an aeroplane attracted much attention, and was raffled.

We have now gone round the Stalls. But there are still some things to mention. These are the lovely rickshaw which was presented by Mrs D. Morrison, which was of course raffled, and brought in a large sum of money; and the Pet Sheep, presented by Mrs. Burnett which also brought in a large amount in a raffle. We would like to mention also the Roulette Board most kindly fitted up by Mr. Stuart which added a good many rupees to the One-Rupee Stall. We must put on record also that Mr. David Annan kindly acted as Treasurer for the Sale and Cashier for the day, and gave most valuable assistance; and that Mr. Puddephatt

kindly arranged the packing department. The Band of the Madras Guards was in attendance and played delightful music all afternoon, the programme being carefully arranged by Mr. Worthington Wilson who is in charge of the Band. Everything went well. If there were hitches at all they were neither very large nor very important, and there was a spirit of much cheerfulness and helpfulness manifested everywhere. The accounts have not yet been fully made up, as there are still some outstanding sums. We shall hope to print them in a later *Supplement*. We think however, with contributions, and with the proceeds from the Scottish Concert the sum to be handed over by the Woman's Guild to the Hospital Ship "Madras" will be something like Rs. 7,000.

As we write dozens of names rise in our minds of friends who should be specially thanked. It would make a very long list. So will they allow us instead to give one most hearty and grateful vote of thanks to each and all who have helped to achieve this splendid result.

We append some extracts from a letter from Her Excellency as follows:—

DEAR MRS. GILLAN,

Many many congratulations on the splendid success of all your efforts. It is indeed almost incredible that you should have got nearly Rs. 5,000. We are indeed so grateful for all your work and for the grand gift to the Hospital Ship "Madras." Will you please thank the Ladies of the Guild very very heartily from me.

With renewed warmest thanks.

Yours Sincerely,

(Sd.) MARJORIE PENTLAND.

With regard to the Scottish Concert which was arranged in connection with our Sale of Work, the report from the "Madras Mail" of the 1st December is so accurate that we think we cannot do better than reproduce it. We would like to add a word of thanks to the nurses of the Maternity Hospital, who under the direction of the Matron, Mrs. Guy, kindly sold programmes and heather at the Concert and did much to add to the attraction of the evening. Our friends will be interested to hear that the proceeds from the Concert are Rs. 1,140 and there is only a small proportion of expense leaving most of this sum to be added to the Sale.

SCOTTISH CONCERT

AT THE MUSEUM THEATRE

The Scottish Concert which was held yesterday evening in the Museum Theatre, proved a great success. We have rarely seen such a large audience assembled to listen to a miscellaneous programme such as that offered last evening. Their Excellencies arrived promptly at 6-15 P.M. and the programme opened with a pianoforte duet by Mrs. Pelly and Mr. S. D. Pears. They chose a movement from Mendelssohn's "Scotch Symphony" (*Vivace non troppo*) and they proved as great a success in this as they did recently at one of the Musical Association Concerts. Mr. Strathie delighted the audience with "Turn ye to Me" and "Ta-ta My Bonnie Maggie Darling." He received a decided encore for the latter, and responded with "Annie Laurie," which suited his rich baritone voice admirably. Mrs. J. Collyer Adam received quite an ovation and contributed "Ma Bairnie' and "Comin' thro' the Rye." The audience thoroughly enjoyed both items, as Mrs. Adam's singing is always enjoyable. She, later in the evening, sang a duet with Miss Muriel Johnson "Oh, Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast." The two voices blended perfectly, as we remember they did in Rossini's "Stabat Mater" in which both ladies appeared as soloists. A decided variety was lent to the evening's entertainment by a character song and dance, performed by the Girl Guides; dressed as Fish wives, they sang "Caller Herrin," and executed a dance between the verses.

Mr. Alan Stewart, who is now well known to Madras audiences, sang two favourite Scotch Songs—"My love is like a red, red rose" and "Mary." He was in good voice and sang with marked expression. His enunciation is particularly good, which makes his singing much more enjoyable. "Christina's Lament," set to Dvorak's "Humoresque," was delightfully sung by Mrs. Flohr, with violin obligato by Mr. Worthington Wilson. Mr. Collyer Adam aroused the Scotch element by his rendering of "Jean McNeil," for which he received an encore and responded with "Scots wha hae."

Mr. Worthington Wilson played a Scotch Fantasia, and on being recalled, gave as an encore Trouselle's "Polacca."

Perhaps the most stirring item on the programme was the Highland Dancing by Sergeant Gold, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He first danced the Highland Fling and concluded the programme with the Sword Dance. He is a graceful dancer, and received loud applause.

Mrs. Black acted as accompanist to most of the items, and praise is due to her for the efficient and artistic manner in which she carried out her duties. Mrs. Black has recently come to Madras, and is a decided acquisition to musical circles. We hope to hear a great deal more of her sympathetic playing. A word of thanks is also due to Mrs. Adam, Mrs. Strathie and Mrs. Powell, who accompanied various items during the evening. Mr. Gill was the Piper for the Dancing and looked every inch a Highlander.

After the singing of "God save the King" His Excellency contributed largely to the happy termination by reminding the audience that they had omitted to sing 'Auld Lang Syne' and promptly led the singing. In conclusion, Mrs. Gillan, who was responsible for organising the Concert, is to be congratulated on the huge success which it undoubtedly was, both artistically and financially. We feel sure the Hospital Ship Fund will derive substantial benefit.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

December 16th, 1917—Albert Storey, son of Edward Storey and Sybil Jane Elaine Rice.
„ 20th „ Catherine Lee, daughter of Donald and Catherine Morrison.

Marriage

"What God hath joined together let not man put assunder."

December 8th, 1917—Leslie Trevor Buckle to Florence Cleigh Rowley.

Burials

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

December 8th, 1917—Louie Grant, 45 years.
„ 10th „ Kenneth Henderson, 39 years.
„ 14th „ Eugene Clement François Stradiot, 67 years.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for November, 1917

Receipts	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Disbursements	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir for Oct., 1917 ...	157	0	0
„ Seat Rents	133	0	0	„ „ Estabt. „ „ ...	185	12	0
„ Church Collections	209	10	5	„ Organ Blowers	6	0	0
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ M. E. S. Co., Current for Oct...	9	8	0
„ Sale of Grass, October ...	10	0	0	„ M. P. House Printing Bills Nos. 436, 434	11	2	0
„ Organ Practice	10	0	0	„ Miscellaneous	6	3	6
				Balance Credit this Account ...	96	0	11
Total ...	471	10	5	Total ...	471	10	5

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for November, 1917

Receipts	Amount Rs.	A.	P.	Disbursements	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	8	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment .	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food	70	2	0
„ Cash	267	0	6	„ Miscellaneous Kindergarten, etc.	13	15	0
				„ Book (Student Teachers) ...	5	8	0
				„ Laundry	0	7	6
Total ...	285	0	6	Total ...	285	0	6

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